

GUIDELINES
SMALL GRANTS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES
ROUND 28

Open Monday 10 August to 5pm Monday 5 October 2015

A collaborative program, administered by The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and funded by The Bertalli Family Foundation, Berrembed Trust, Commercial Travellers Association of Victoria, Hannaford, Newman's Own Foundation, Ronald Geoffrey Arnott Foundation, The R.E. Ross Trust, The Sylvia & Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation managed by Equity Trustees, Thyne Reid Foundation, The William Buckland Foundation managed by Equity Trustees, FRRR and other private donors.

Over \$350,000 in grants are available to benefit small rural, regional and remote Australian communities. **Grants will be made in amounts up to \$5,000.** This collaborative approach is designed to: make better, targeted use of funds; improve access to philanthropy for regional communities; provide a simple application process; and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Trusts and Foundations who wish to support small community organisations.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

- **Not-for-profit community based organisations** from communities in rural, regional and remote locations in Australia can apply for funds to support **projects and activities that offer clear public benefit** (are for a charitable purpose) and clearly address a need in the community in the areas of social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural development.
- Projects located in **communities with a population of 10,000 or less will receive priority.**
- **Organisations must have an ABN or Incorporation Certificate.**
- **Organisations/projects demonstrating community partnerships are preferred** to multiple applications from one community (please submit only one application per organisation).
- Projects with clearly defined objectives, timeframes and evaluation strategies will be preferred. (Projects should be undertaken from **February 2016 to February 2017** as projects cannot be funded retrospectively).

WHAT CAN'T BE FUNDED? (If in doubt, please contact FRRR)

- Regular operational and administration costs will not be funded (e.g. rent, utilities, regular wages, loan repayments)
- Previous FRRR grant recipients who have not completed final report requirements are not eligible.
- Overseas travel and projects are not eligible.
- Projects that benefit a single individual rather than a community.
- Projects that support private/commercial business (NB social enterprise/ local economic development is eligible).
- Federal, State and Local Government core business and areas of responsibility.
- The encouragement or advancement of sport, recreation and social activities is not considered a charitable activity by the Australian Taxation Office. Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate benefit to the wider community.
- If your project involves working directly with children, your organisation must have policies and procedures around working with children and the handling of child abuse complaints, or the project may not be funded.

HOW TO APPLY

- Use the Round 28 Application Form, and answer ALL questions in the space provided (be clear and concise).
- **Attach your most recent organisational financial information.**
- **Attach a copy of your ABN or Incorporation Certificate.**
- **We highly recommend you include letters of support, in-kind support and quotes with your application.**
- For applications regarding property owned by a third party, a letter of consent/support **MUST** be attached e.g. Halls owned by Councils.
- All supporting material **MUST** be submitted with the application.
- **Applications MUST be hand-signed by the Head of the Organisation or the application will not be considered.** This is the person who is head (e.g. Chair, President, CEO) of the legal entity which will receive the funds (e.g. NOT a Subcommittee Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Program Manager).

SUBMIT BY 5PM MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2015

Application by Email: *If possible, please send documents as word files not PDFs. Please ensure the application has been signed (this page can be attached separately if needed) and send to smallgrants@frrr.org.au*

Application by Post: FRRR, SGRC PO Box 41 Bendigo Vic 3552 (*Must be postmarked, 5pm Monday 5 October 2015*)

ENQUIRIES

See www.frrr.org.au for more info, FAQs and tips! Freecall FRRR on 1800 170 020 or email smallgrants@frrr.org.au